



## *Trees Forever Seedling Program*

# Funding Tree Plantings and Reforestation Projects



Trees Forever has partnered with public and private entities to be able offer communities and citizens seedling trees and shrubs. Grants are available across Iowa and in the Quad City area of Illinois to help diversify community forests and in areas that welcome the public. Projects may include planting seedling trees and woody shrubs in public spaces including but not limited to county and community parks, trail ways, roadsides, stream corridors, at schools and civic buildings, cemeteries and more. Some private planting options are available. Trees Forever staff will assist communities interested in offering trees to private residents.

Grants are available to groups and organizations to help purchase seedling trees and woody shrubs. Our staff is available to help project leaders and volunteers plan and complete successful projects.

The application process is competitive and funds will be awarded while they last. Preference is given to applicants with thorough and complete documentation that meets all program guidelines.

## Application Requirements

Please fill out the form on the following two pages and with this application include these attachments:

1. If applicable, an aerial map and site plan: Include a labeled aerial map of your planting site and highlight the area(s) where trees and woody shrubs will be planted. Labeling should include major roads, utilities, location of existing trees and plant material and a directional arrow.
2. Budget Worksheet: Attach a budget for your project using the form on page 4. Showing match (cash or in-kind) is strongly recommended and will strengthen your application; however, matching funds are not required.

**Applications are reviewed on a weekly basis.**



# Application - Contact Information

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Grant Amount Requested \_\_\_\_\_

Community \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ Population \_\_\_\_\_

Organization/Committee Name (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Address:  Home  Business \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone :  Home  Work  Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

List other committee or community members, who will assist with planning, planting and caring for your trees and woody shrubs:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address:  Home  Business \_\_\_\_\_ Phone:  Home  Work  Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address:  Home  Business \_\_\_\_\_ Phone:  Home  Work  Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address:  Home  Business \_\_\_\_\_ Phone:  Home  Work  Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

If awarded, the check should be made out to \_\_\_\_\_  
(Checks cannot be made to individuals)

Federal Tax ID Number \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Tree planting Event Date \_\_\_\_\_

Local Media Contact \_\_\_\_\_  
Name, Business (Name of publication, radio station call letters, etc.)

Phone and Email \_\_\_\_\_

I give permission to Trees Forever to reproduce and use any photographs taken at my planting event and that are submitted as part of our program summary report. I agree to care for our trees and woody shrubs for no fewer than two years or provide resources on proper tree care to those persons responsible for tree care. I agree to call Iowa One Call (811) and abide by the information provide to ensure safe planting.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# Application - Project Narrative

**1. Project Description:** Describe your seedling planting project. How will it benefit the public? How will you distribute the seedlings?

**2. Volunteers** - Will volunteers or residents be engaged in the planting and if so, how?

**3. Diversity** – Please describe how you are addressing species diversity either within your project, or how your project diversifies the overall species composition of your area.

**4. Care and Maintenance Plan** – Newly planted seedlings require a significant amount of care to get established. Describe your tree care plan for the **first two years**, which should include watering, mulching, pruning, and possibly staking or fencing. Who is responsible for maintenance?

# Application - Budget Worksheet

## Trees and Woody Shrub Seedlings

Quantity*	Species**	Size	Cost/Unit	Total Cost

\*If you are ordering seedling from the Iowa State Forest Nursery, seedlings will be shipped in bundles of 25. Plan your budget and ordering accordingly.

\*\* If needed, contact Trees Forever for help selecting appropriate tree and woody shrub species.

## Match (encouraged but not required)

	Hours/Units	Cost each	Total Amount
Mulch			
Equipment used for site preparation			
Additional trees and woody shrubs			
Volunteer labor or planting (\$23.41/hour)			
Other - please define			
Total Match			

### Questions?

Please contact Emily Swihart, 563-260-1000, [eswihart@treesforever.org](mailto:eswihart@treesforever.org)

### To submit an application

**Email** completed application and supporting documentation to [droman@treesforever.org](mailto:droman@treesforever.org). **(OR)**

**Mail to:** Trees Forever, Attn: Deb, 80 W. 8th Ave., Marion, IA, 52302.